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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - EXHIBITION OF TAPESTRIES FROM
HARRANIA

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1. USINT APPROVES USE OF SMITHSONIAN FY-74, PL-480 FUNDS
FOR VISIT TO EGYPT OF RONALD GOODMAN IN CONNECTION WITH
HARRANIA TAPESTRIES EXHIBIT. WISSA WASSEF'S TAPESTRIES
WOULD, WE BELIEVE, MAKE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR TOUR OF US.

2. IN CONSIDERING FUNDING EXPENSES FOR INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL OF EGYPTIANS, AIR SHIPMENT OF TAPESTRIES, ETC.,
SMITHSONIAN SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WISSA WASSEF IS IMBUED
WITH CAPITALIST ETHIC. OVER PAST TEN YEARS HIS TAPESTRIES
HAVE SOLD EXTREMELY WELL IN EGYPT AS WELL AS OUTSIDE THE
COUNTRY. HE HAS MANAGED TO FINANCE HIS OWN TOURS TO
FRANCE AND SCANDINAVIA WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM OTHER SOURCES.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT CONCLUSION OF TOURS VIRTUALLY ALL
TAPESTRIES HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR HANDSOME PRICES. IN SUM,
WISSA WASSEF IS A RICH MAN, AND HIS PROJECTED TOUR OF
US MAY NOT NEED SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FROM USG AS LONG AS
PROPER INDUCEMENT EXISTS FOR HIM TO MAKE TRIP. FUNDING OF
US DOLLAR COSTS OF TRIP BY ESSO, PROSPECTS
OF DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW MARKET, AND FURTHER
INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY MAY FORM SUCH INDUCEMENT. THIS,

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HOWEVER, MAY BE MATTER FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION BY GOODMAN

DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO.

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